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Group IV. Claims 35, 36, 39-55, 48-55, drawn to graft-type polymers and method of making.

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending in this application and presented for examination.

→ Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to N-containing heterocyclics, with traverse. Claims readable thereon include claims 1-14.

As to the species election, Applicants hereby elect compound 6 as disclosed in Table 1 on page 11, *i.e.*, 3-allyl-5,5, dimethylhydantoin (ADMH), of the specification as filed.

Applicants maintain that the restriction requirement is improper. Under MPEP § 803.01, there are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions:

- (A) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
- (B) there must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

Applicants maintain that there is no serious burden on the Examiner to search claims 1-28 in their entirety. The present invention provides heterocyclic vinylic amines of Formula I that can be readily polymerized with most acrylic, substituted-acrylic and vinyl monomers. The polymers thus generated exhibit biocidal efficacy after exposure to a halogen source, such as chlorine bleach.

Compounds of Formula I after being polymerized with most acrylic, substituted-acrylic and vinyl monomers are useful in making polymeric compounds of Formula II. The intermediate uses that are suggested by the Examiner are not convincing.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner join claims 15-28 to the elected group and examine claims 1-28.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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